

PATENT (US)

Attorney Docket No. YAMAP0728US**COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY
(ORIGINAL, DESIGN, NATIONAL STAGE OF PCT)**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Title: **SCORING OF TEXT UNITS**

the specification of which

(a) is attached hereto.(b) X was filed on July 20, 2000 as Serial No. 0 / or X Express Mail No. EK347083006US, as Serial No. not yet known, and was amended on (if applicable).(c) X was described and claimed in PCT International Application No. PCT/JP99/00259 filed on January 22, 1999 and amended under PCT Article 34 on February 9, 2000 (if any).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations §1.56(a).

PRIORITY CLAIM

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or of any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or any PCT international application(s) designating at least one country other than the United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter having a filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is claimed.

(d) no such application have been filed.(e) X such applications have been filed as follows.**EARLIEST FOREIGN APPLICATION(S), IF ANY FILED WITHIN 12 MONTHS
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